

Family: BURSERACEAE (angiosperm)

Scientific name(s): Dacryodes buettneri

Pachylobus buettneri (synonymous)

Commercial restriction: no commercial restriction

WOOD DESCRIPTION

Color: light brown
 Sapwood: not clearly demarcated
 Texture: medium
 Grain: interlocked
 Interlocked grain: marked

Note: Wood light brown to pinkish white. Lustrous surface. Ribbon like aspect, sometimes moiré on quartersawn.

LOG DESCRIPTION

Diameter: from 70 to 100 cm
 Thickness of sapwood: from 5 to 9 cm
 Floats: yes
 Log durability: moderate (treatment recommended)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Physical and mechanical properties are based on mature heartwood specimens. These properties can vary greatly depending on origin and growth conditions.

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Std dev.</u>
Specific gravity *:	0,59	0,05
Monnin hardness *:	2,8	0,5
Coeff. of volumetric shrinkage:	0,42 %	0,08 %
Total tangential shrinkage (TS):	7,3 %	0,9 %
Total radial shrinkage (RS):	5,2 %	0,5 %
TS/RS ratio:	1,4	
Fiber saturation point:	33 %	
Stability:	stable	

MECHANICAL AND ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Std dev.</u>
Crushing strength *:	52 MPa	6 MPa
Static bending strength *:	91 MPa	11 MPa
Modulus of elasticity *:	13820 MPa	2273 MPa

(*: at 12% moisture content, with 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²)

Musical quality factor: 120,4 measured at 2756 Hz

NATURAL DURABILITY AND TREATABILITY

Fungi and termite resistance refers to end-uses under temperate climate. Except for special comments on sapwood, natural durability is based on mature heartwood. Sapwood must always be considered as non-durable against wood degrading agents.

E.N. = Euro Norm

Funghi (according to E.N. standards): class 5 - not durable

Dry wood borers: susceptible - sapwood not or slightly demarcated (risk in all the wood)

Termites (according to E.N. standards): class S - susceptible

Treatability (according to E.N. standards): class 3 - poorly permeable

Use class ensured by natural durability: class 2 - inside or under cover (dampness possible)

Species covering the use class 5: No

REQUIREMENT OF A PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT

Against dry wood borer attacks: requires appropriate preservative treatment

In case of risk of temporary humidification: use not recommended

In case of risk of permanent humidification: use not recommended

DRYING

Drying rate: normal
 Risk of distortion: slight risk
 Risk of casehardening: no
 Risk of checking: high risk
 Risk of collapse: no

Possible drying schedule: 2

Note: Must be dried slowly and carefully. Initial surface drying recommended.

M.C. (%)	Temperature (°C)		Air humidity (%)
	dry-bulb	wet-bulb	
Green	50	47	84
40	50	45	75
30	55	47	67
20	70	55	47
15	75	58	44

This schedule is given for information only and is applicable to thickness lower or equal to 38 mm. It must be used in compliance with the code of practice. For thickness from 38 to 75 mm, the air relative humidity should be increased by 5 % at each step. For thickness over 75 mm, a 10 % increase should be considered.

SAWING AND MACHINING

Blunting effect: high
 Sawteeth recommended: stellite-tipped
 Cutting tools: tungsten carbide
 Peeling: good
 Slicing: not recommended or without interest

Note: Reduce cutting angle during machining (around 15°). Some difficulties in planing due to interlocked grain. Tendency to woolliness.

ASSEMBLING

Nailing / screwing: good
 Gluing: correct

Note: Sometimes difficulties in gluing with phenol-formol glue.

COMMERCIAL GRADING

Appearance grading for sawn timbers: According to SATA grading rules (1996)
 For the "General Purpose Market":
 Possible grading for square edged timbers: choix I, choix II, choix III, choix IV
 Possible grading for short length lumbers: choix I, choix II
 Possible grading for short length rafters: choix I, choix II, choix III
 For the "Special Market":
 Possible grading for strips and small boards (ou battens): choix I, choix II, choix III
 Possible grading for rafters: choix I, choix II, choix III

FIRE SAFETY

Conventional French grading: Thickness > 14 mm : M.3 (moderately inflammable)
 Thickness < 14 mm : M.4 (easily inflammable)

Euroclasses grading: D s2 d0

Default grading for solid wood, according to requirements of European standard EN 14081-1 annex C (April 2009). It concerns structural graded timber in vertical uses with mean density upper 0.35 and thickness upper 22 mm.

END-USES

Veneer for interior of plywood
 Formwork
 Interior joinery
 Boxes and crates
 Stairs (inside)

Veneer for back or face of plywood
 Current furniture or furniture components
 Interior panelling
 Flooring

MAIN LOCAL NAMES

<u>Country</u>	<u>Local name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Local name</u>
Cameroon	ASSAS	Gabon	ASSIA
Gabon	OZIGO	Equatorial Guinea	ASSIA
Germany	ASSIA		

